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That sinking feeling

Powder Point Bridge contractor's equipment gets stuck in water

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DUXBURY - The piles that support the Powder Point Bridge weren't the only things stuck in the ground Friday.

Crews working on emergency repairs to the bridge set off a chain of events that led to the need to rescue first a golf cart, then a pickup truck and then a front-end loader being used to restore Duxbury

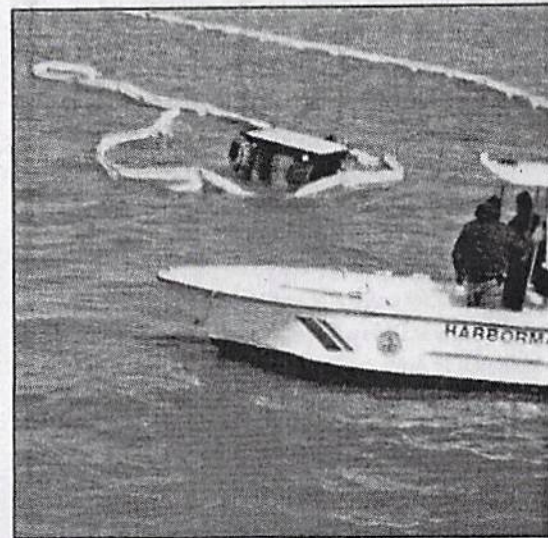
Beach. Employees working for the bridge contractor use the golf cart to cross the bridge.

Describing the situation as a fiasco, Town Manager Richard MacDonald said Wednesday morning that the incident brought a lot of attention to the town. He prefers to focus attention on the role of town employees.

"I want to thank all our personnel who were involved

in the so-called rescue led by (Fire) Chief (Kevin) Nord, who did a fantastic job, again, coordinating the effort for the removal of all of these pieces of equipment," he said.

As a precaution, emergency workers for the town placed containment booms around the vehicles to prevent any release of fuel into the water Friday. The state Department of Environment Protection was also notified.



Duxbury fire personnel work to contain any oil leakage from a pickup truck and front-end loader that became trapped Friday morning. STEVE COLVIN/WCVB-TV